



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
RIBADEAU-DUMAS et al)
Serial No. : 09/305,178) Art Unit: 1761
Filed: May 4, 1999) Examiner: Arthur Corbin.

For : A SWEETENING COMPOSITION AND ITS USES.

DECLARATION UNDER RULE 132

To Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C.

Sir :

I, Guillaume RIBADEAU-DUMAS, 18 rue Claude Monet,
59237 Verlinghem, France, do solemnly declare :

THAT I have been working with the firm ROQUETTE
FRERES since December 1992 and that I held the position
of Food Applications Department Manager since January
2001;

THAT I am a named inventor of the present patent
application n° 09/305,178 and that I am fully familiar
therewith ;

THAT I have read and understood the Office Action
of March 28, 2003 in connection with the present patent
application ;

THAT, the experiments described in the attached
test report were carried out under my supervision;

THAT, in Yatka, maltitol, xylitol and sorbitol are
used in boiled sugar,

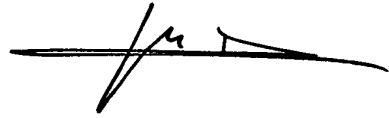
THAT, among these polyols, sorbitol is the most
soluble;

THAT, stable boiled sugar cannot be obtained with
sorbitol alone (see photograph A);

THAT, stable boiled sugars cannot be obtained with sorbitol and a dextrin since they drastically flow when stored (see photographs B and C).

I, the undersigned, declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and, further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001, of Title 18, of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: December 19th, 2003

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'G' followed by 'RIBADEAU-DUMAS'.

Guillaume RIBADEAU-DUMAS